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## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### **HORNE TO ACCEPT NEARLY \$1 MILLION GRANT TO ATTRACT MORE LOW-INCOME STUDENTS TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES**

(PHOENIX) -- Arizona State Schools chief Tom Horne will accept a federal grant awarded this week to the Arizona Department of Education. The ceremony will be held at 9:30 AM on Friday, May 13 at the Arizona Department of Education offices located at 1535 West Jefferson Street in Phoenix.

The grant will support the Arizona ASPIRES (Advancing Scholarship through Preparation, Incentives, and Rigorous Educational Standards) program, which will funnel money to school districts statewide to encourage middle school and high school students in low-income areas to enroll in Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Students who engage in AP coursework are more likely to be bound for college - a goal championed by Superintendent Horne.

The grant totals approximately \$996,000 funded by the U.S. Department of Education over a period of three years. The money will be administered by the Arizona Department of Education and distributed to local districts on a competitive basis.

**WHO:** Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne; Deputy Asst. Secretary for Policy, Darla Marburger, US Dept. of Education

**WHAT:** Acceptance of nearly \$1 million federal grant

**WHEN:** 9:30 AM, Friday, May 13

**WHERE:** Arizona Department of Education  
1535 W. Jefferson Street, (4th floor)

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